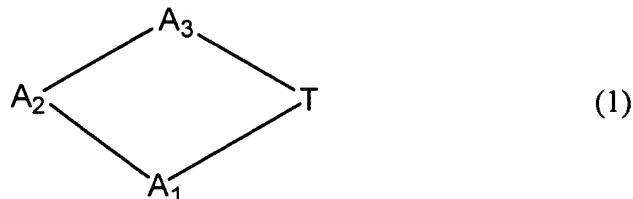


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-33 (canceled)

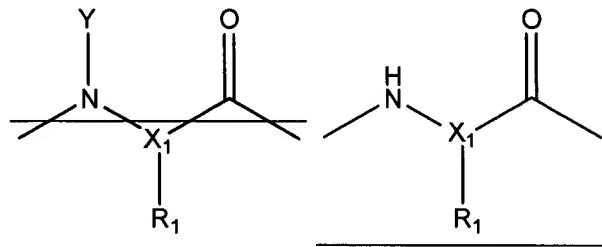
Claim 34 (currently amended): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1):



and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts,

wherein

Fragment A₁ is:

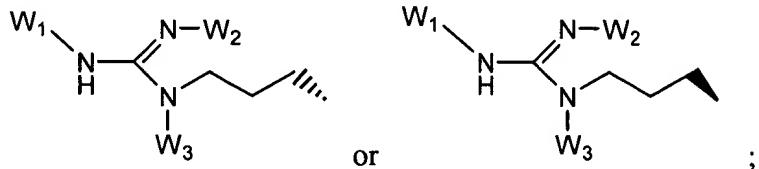


wherein

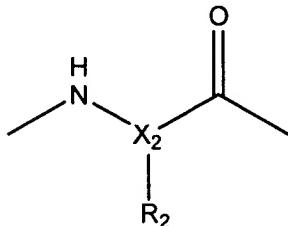
Y is H,

X₁ is -CH-, and

R₁ is



Fragment A₂ is:

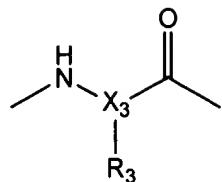


wherein

X₂ is -CH-, and

R₂ is H;

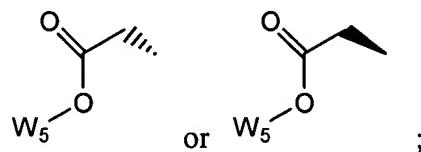
Fragment A₃ is:



wherein

X₃ is -CH-, and

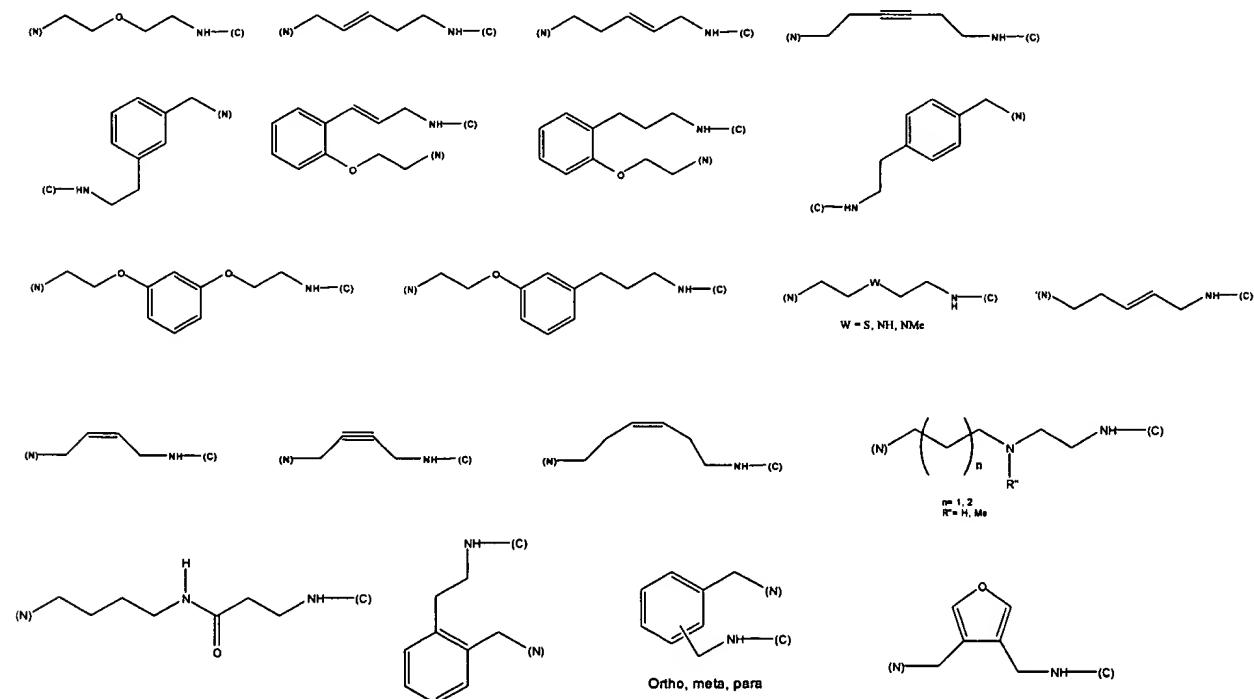
R₃ is

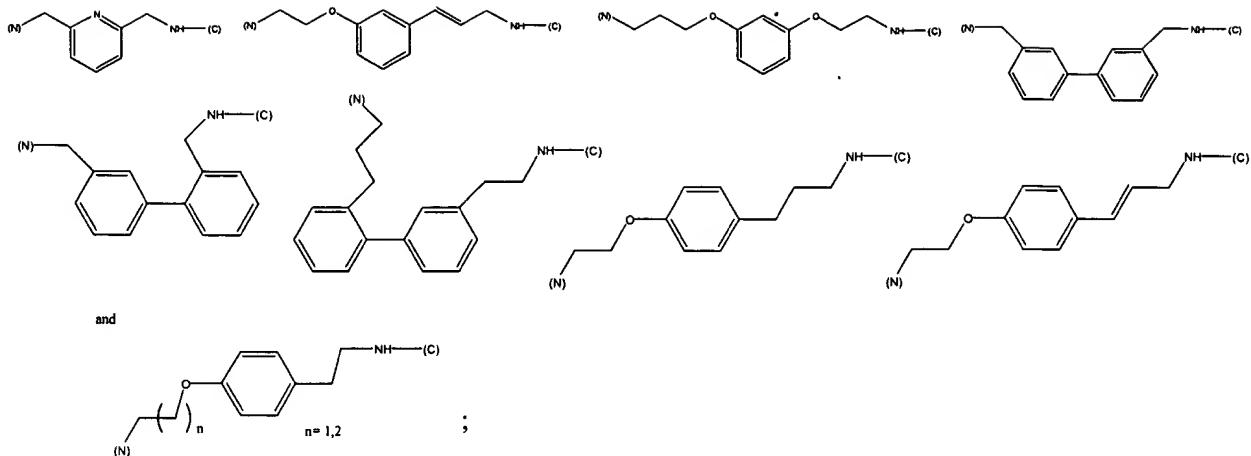


W₁, W₂, W₃, and W₅ are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and protecting groups used for orthogonal protection in peptide synthesis;

wherein the carbonyl carbon of A₁ is covalently bonded to the nitrogen atom of A₂, and the carbonyl carbon of A₂ is covalently bonded to the nitrogen atom of A₃;

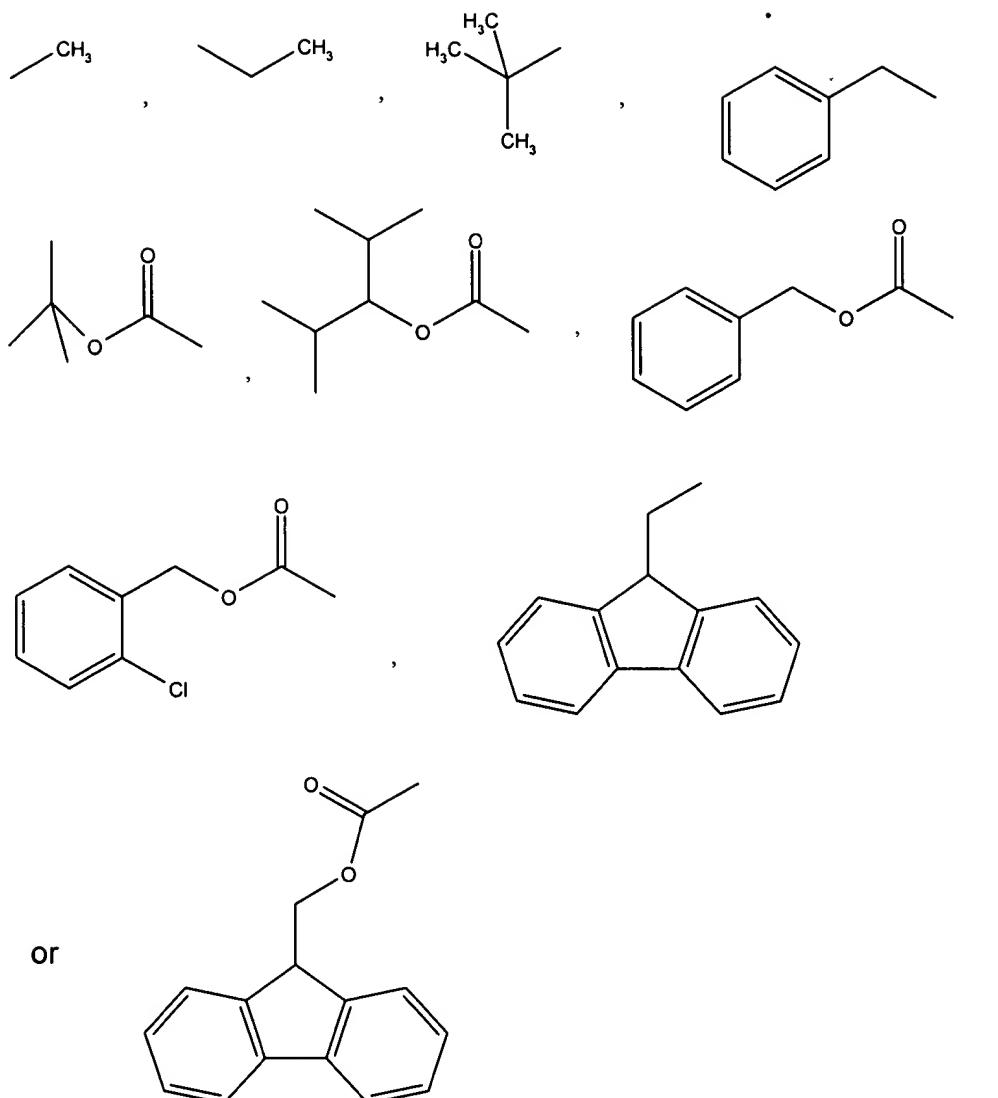
Fragment T is a radical selected from the group consisting of:





wherein (N) indicates the site of a covalent bond to the nitrogen atom of A₁ of formula (1) and (C) indicates the site of a covalent bond to the carbonyl carbon of A₃ of formula (1).

Claim 35 (previously presented): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1) as defined in claim 34, wherein W_1 , W_2 , W_3 , and W_5 are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a compatible protecting group chosen from:



Claim 36 (previously presented): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1) as defined in claim 34, wherein W₁, W₂, W₃, and W₅ each represents hydrogen.

Claims 37-42 (canceled)